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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) A compound of formula I, as defined in Claim 1-, wherein R⁴ represents H or C₁₋₆ alkyl when R¹ represents -A¹C(O)N(R⁴)R⁵.